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Dear producers and other data users:

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Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2001. The number of farms and ranches in the State is 53,000, down 1,000 or 2 percent from 2000. Numbers of farms and ranches in Nebraska with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales declined 1,500, while operations with more than \$100,000 increased 500 over a year ago. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska remained unchanged at 46.4 million acres. The average size of operation increased to 875 acres, up 16 acres from a year earlier.

Nationally, the number of farms and ranches in the United States is 2.158 million, down 14,500 or less than 1 percent from 2000. Numbers of farms and ranches in the U.S. with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales declined 14,500, while operations with more than \$100,000 were unchanged. Land in farms and ranches in the U.S. declined to 941.2 million acres. The average size of operation increased to 436 acres, up 2 acres from a year earlier.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 1992-2001¹

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1992	56,000	47,100	841	2,107,840	978,503	464
1993	56,000	46,500	830	2,201,590	968,845	440
1994	56,000	46,500	830	2,197,690	965,935	440
1995	56,000	46,400	829	2,196,400	962,515	438
1996	56,000	46,400	829	2,190,500	958,675	438
1997	55,000	46,400	844	2,190,510	956,010	436
1998	55,000	46,400	844	2,191,360	953,500	435
1999	55,000	46,400	844	2,192,070	947,440	432
2000	54,000	46,400	859	2,172,280	943,090	434
2001	53,000	46,400	875	2,157,780	941,210	436

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Source: USDA NASS Farms and Land in Farms, February 2002.

Percent of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 1999-2001

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms					Land in Farms				
	Nebraska		United States			Nebraska		United States		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	1999	2000	2001
	<i>Percent of Farms</i>					<i>Percent of Land in Farms</i>				
\$1,000-\$9,999	25.4	25.0	24.5	54.5	54.0	4.3	3.9	3.7	14.0	13.4
\$10,000-\$99,999	41.1	40.7	39.6	29.6	29.9	25.9	25.4	23.5	30.4	29.1
\$100,000 & Over	33.5	34.3	35.9	15.9	16.1	69.8	70.7	72.8	55.6	57.5

Source: USDA NASS Farms and Land in Farms, February 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, January 1 Inventory, and Marketings, By Size
of Feedlot, State, and United States 2000-2001 ¹**

State	Number of Lots													
	1,000-1,999		2,000-3,999		4,000-7,999		8,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Arizona					2	2			2	2	3	3	7	7
California	² 3	² 4			4	5	3	4	6	5	6	6	22	24
Colorado	48	47	35	39	34	34	16	20	16	13	12	12	161	165
Idaho	10	11	13	13	12	10	² 15	² 16					50	50
Iowa	200	190	81	85	² 29	² 25							310	300
Kansas	37	33	45	48	36	45	44	37	37	35	26	27	225	225
Nebraska	265	280	200	209	126	126	65	64	32	34	7	7	695	720
New Mexico					² 6	² 6			3	3	1	1	10	10
Oklahoma	² 4	² 3			10	10	5	5	3	2	6	7	28	27
So. Dakota	50	59	43	44	21	18	² 6	² 7					120	128
Texas	6	6	6	6	15	14	29	27	32	36	49	49	137	138
Washington	² 7	² 7					² 6	² 6			3	3	16	16
Other Sts	185	180	71	70	40	35	10	11	² 4	² 4			310	300
U.S.	804	811	500	520	335	328	194	192	142	141	116	118	2,091	2,110

Inventory - 1,000 Head														
State	1,000-1,999		2,000-3,999		4,000-7,999		8,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Arizona					6	6			36	33	259	266	301	305
California	² 3	² 4			17	19	3	3	85	93	342	361	450	480
Colorado	28	24	47	49	120	107	130	130	245	230	640	640	1,210	1,180
Idaho	6	6	13	25	37	32	² 264	² 267					320	330
Iowa	155	150	125	130	² 105	² 75							385	355
Kansas	25	20	60	65	130	155	405	340	730	710	1,050	1,190	2,400	2,480
Nebraska	150	150	310	300	480	430	590	540	570	520	300	290	2,400	2,230
New Mexico					² 19	² 14			53	53	43	41	115	108
Oklahoma	² 7	² 3			20	27	39	26	77	46	267	258	410	360
So. Dakota	34	38	57	57	62	48	² 49	² 52					202	195
Texas	3	3	9	9	53	38	255	200	580	590	2,030	2,040	2,930	2,880
Washington	² 18	² 17					² 72	² 67			160	163	250	247
Other Sts	115	105	100	105	105	105	31	38	² 74	² 62			425	415
U.S.	517	499	730	748	1,146	1,046	1,563	1,400	2,536	2,422	5,306	5,450	11,798	11,565

Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head														
State	1,000-1,999		2,000-3,999		4,000-7,999		8,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Arizona					6	7			45	50	284	291	335	348
California	² 6	² 5			20	21	11	3	120	110	451	467	608	606
Colorado	55	45	90	80	255	190	260	250	540	490	1,480	1,440	2,680	2,495
Idaho	10	11	30	36	50	57	² 610	² 656					700	760
Iowa	250	220	191	210	² 165	² 186							606	616
Kansas	45	35	115	130	250	270	840	710	1,740	1,560	2,380	2,590	5,370	5,295
Nebraska	320	310	570	580	930	850	1,200	1,070	1,230	1,150	635	615	4,885	4,575
New Mexico					² 44	² 33			85	83	54	59	183	175
Oklahoma	² 13	² 8			41	47	69	50	179	107	587	620	889	832
So. Dakota	62	72	96	106	111	100	² 115	² 112					384	390
Texas	8	8	17	22	125	90	470	450	1,160	1,160	4,410	4,300	6,190	6,030
Washington	² 29	² 29					² 150	² 158			381	400	560	587
Other Sts	160	155	180	175	175	150	60	75	² 165	² 137			740	692
U.S.	912	857	1,307	1,351	2,151	1,947	3,112	2,885	5,468	5,079	11,180	11,282	24,130	23,401

¹ Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by States under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

² Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, February 15, 2002

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

January 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. January 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. January 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, January 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Jan 2002 Percent of	
		Jan 2001	Dec 2001
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	651.3	105	110
Hogs, head	621.9	109	104
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	647.4	111	109
United States			
Cattle, head	3,055.8	102	110
Calves, head	87.4	96	104
Hogs, head	8,657.8	100	103
Sheep & Lambs, head	254.9	95	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,081.0	104	107

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 22, 2002.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, January 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2002 Percent of	
		Jan 2001	Dec 2001
1,000 lbs			
Total red meats	972,061	107	103
Beef	445,422	108	97
Pork	503,797	107	108
Poultry	1,045,210	99	108
Turkey	320,038	110	133
Chicken	718,197	95	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 21, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, January 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.7	99
30 States	312.8	317.5	102
United States	333.8	338.3	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	258	241	93
30 States	6,641	6,803	102
United States	7,103	7,248	102
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	38.0	35.5	94
Broiler	733.9	775.7	106

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 22, 2002.

Winter Wheat: Acres Planted to Each Variety Nebraska, 1994-2002

Variety	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Thousand Acres</i>									
Alliance	¹	¹	62	146	160	197	264	280	283
Arapahoe	724	722	726	602	538	474	346	234	222
Pronghorn				¹	87	149	121	191	183
2137				¹	27	68	143	182	136
Niobrara		¹	32	130	142	217	180	163	118
Buckskin	121	86	134	120	123	94	51	82	106
Millenium								¹	59
Centura	244	172	209	196	146	145	121	65	57
Jagger			¹	¹	¹	21	51	42	57
Karl/Karl 92	84	148	167	138	125	105	77	72	56
Vista	¹	99	84	92	74	41	47	30	52
Culver							¹	54	48
Wesley							¹	19	37
Akron				¹	¹	30	26	¹	31
Tomahawk (AgriPro)	86	67	66	50	49	30	18	²	30
Ogallala (AgriPro)	²	²	49	30	30	23	25	38	26
Abilene (AgriPro)	66	88	64	44	46	52	47	44	22
Other Public ³	582	512	474	276	250	142	149	161	111
Other Private	293	256	233	176	103	112	84	93	66
Total Planted	2,200	2,150	2,300	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,750	1,750	1,700

¹ Included in Other Public. ² Included in Other Private. ³ Other public varieties planted for 2002 include 2163, Brule, Cougar, Gage, Ike, Lancer, Nekota, Newton, Nuplains (Hard White), Rawhide, Scout 66, Siouxland, Tam 107, Trego (Hard White), Wahoo, and Windstar.

Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Wheat Varieties, January 2002.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Feb 2001 ¹	Jan 2002 ¹	Feb 15, 2002	Feb 2001 ¹	Jan 2002 ¹	Feb 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.85	30	\$ 9.37
Corn	Bushels	1.95	1.94	1.90	1.96	1.97	1.93	30	6.35
Oats	Bushels	1.54	1.71	1.80	1.28	1.91	1.95	50	3.87
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.42	3.32	3.29	3.47	3.34	3.24	30	10.80
Soybeans	Bushels	4.29	4.11	4.10	4.46	4.22	4.19	30	13.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	80.00	71.00	64.00	86.90	93.00	90.40		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	84.00	73.00	67.00	92.90	101.00	99.50		
Other, Baled	Ton	69.00	65.00	56.00	71.80	73.70	70.80		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	14.70	18.90	19.20	15.30	21.10	25.30	54	47.00
Hogs	Cwt.	41.40	40.50	40.60	39.20	37.70	38.40	38	100.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	41.60	40.80	40.90	39.60	38.30	39.00		
Sows	Cwt.	30.50	26.10	26.90	30.70	26.40	27.90		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	75.20	69.80	72.20	74.70	67.10	70.40	45	155.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	76.10	70.80	73.30	78.70	71.20	74.10		
Cows	Cwt.	44.40	36.70	38.00	42.80	38.00	40.70		
Calves	Cwt.	105.00	107.00	110.00	109.00	102.00	104.00	50	206.00
Sheep	Cwt.	40.60	36.60		47.50	36.20			74.00
Lambs	Cwt.	68.70	63.50		80.10	65.50			175.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for February 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2002.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2000-2001¹

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks ² Dec. 15	Average Price Per Pound ³	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2000						
Nebraska	50	87.0	4,350	2,610	59.0	2,567
United States	2,620	84.1	220,339	85,328	59.7	132,742
2001						
Nebraska	43	48.0	2,064	1,115	66.0	1,362
United States	2,513	74.0	185,926	64,750	66.9	127,060

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Prices weighted by sales.

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